

**What is claimed is:**

1. A novel dual-stream method of streaming variable-rate  
5 data.
2. The dual-stream method of claim 1, which is extendable  
to multiple streams.
- 10 3. A scheme to send parts of a stream with locally large  
bandwidth over one or more auxillary channels while  
the rest of the data in that stream is sent over one  
or more base channels.
- 15 4. The scheme of claim 3, applicable to all types of  
multimedia where quality-sensitive material requires  
localized high bitrates as compared to the average  
bitrate requirement of the bitstream.
- 20 5. A method to maximize use of all available bandwidths  
to pre-stream such data in an auxillary channel while  
streaming the rest of the presentation along a main  
channel.
- 25 6. The method of claim 5, as set forth in Figure 6.